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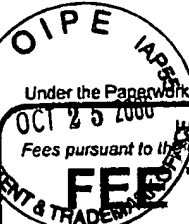
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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
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Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Fee (\$)  
50Small Entity Fee (\$)  
25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

**Total Claims****Extra Claims****Fee (\$)****Fee Paid (\$)**

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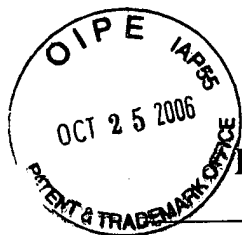
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